



The Pennant

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Online “Sailing Instructions Happy Hour” Friday evening

Ricky is going to do a SI Zoom meeting this Friday 8th 8-9pm, below is the meeting link. People can bring questions and concepts they'd like to cover or specific examples from the quiz from Clare (in the last Pennant!). If they have a specific question and it's complex please pass it on to Ricky to ponder (mr.rickbray@gmail.com). Thanks Ricky for leading this discussion!

<https://E2CCB-GST.zoom.us/j/96176952465>

Marks are in! We're ready to go! Sort of!

The weekend of April 25 Richard & Pete Stephens and I got the marks on the water. Given the wonders of modern technology and the size of the vessel maintaining proper social distancing was easy – they were on the bow and I was at the stern. I suppose that gives some hint of how sailboat racing could work – with family groups clustered in different locations on boats. It would work better on larger boats (more room to spread out) and smaller boats (less crew needed) but still doesn't really seem like a solution for getting going with our season.

So we'll wait on the governor and any upcoming rule changes and we'll think about sailing and racing from home. Or from the water. The local boatyards are launching vessels and there are some on the water already. IYC's Commodore has, in fact, been out a few times on her family's lovely boat. Still, this boat would be difficult to race in the Spring Series, were it to start, as it's too large to be manageable by the family unit and it's too small to have room for more than one family unit. Besides which, let's face it – it isn't all that fast at around-the-buoy racing anyway!

Still, the Commodore did lay eyes on all of the marks when out sailing this weekend. They are still on the water and still where they were dropped!

Two quick side notes on marks before I forget!

- All marks but the start mark are now the new-style tall marks.
- The Crowbar mark has been put in a new location further South. Richard will get the location to Liz and the SI will be updated and I'll get that out to you, etc, before we actually race

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